

2006

29th Congressional District Arts Competition -- An Artistic Discovery

The Congressional Arts Competition – An Artistic Discovery is an annual high school art competition. The goal of the program is to encourage and recognize the rich artistic talents of young Americans, and display their work in Washington, D.C.

The specific rules of the contest are attached. The winning entry will hang on display for one year in the United States Capitol, and represent the 29th Congressional District. The second place entry will hang in Congressman Adam Schiff's Washington, D.C. office, and the third place entry will be on display in Congressman Schiff's Pasadena District Office.

Congressman Schiff has invited each high school in the 29th Congressional District to submit **three entries** representing their school. A blue-ribbon selection committee will then review all the entries from the 29th Congressional District to determine first, second and third place winners.

ALL ARTWORK IS DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2006! All entries must contain a 3" mat. For those students who cannot mat their work, Congressman Schiff's office will mat it for them. All entries must contain a Student Release Form and must adhere to the specifications on the attached sheet of official contest rules.

Art should be delivered to: Congressman Adam Schiff
35 S. Raymond Avenue
Suite 205
Pasadena, CA 91105

This year's event will be held at the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens on May 8, 2006.

Each year in June, General Motors Corporation sponsors an Exhibit Opening reception in Washington, D.C. Southwest Airlines has graciously donated two roundtrip airline tickets for the first place student from the 29th Congressional District to attend the reception.

For additional information or details, please contact Teresa Lamb Simpson at (626) 304-2727 or e-mail teresa.lamb@mail.house.gov

2006 Guidelines

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The Competition is open to high school students only (grades 9-12). Three entries will be accepted from each school in the 29th Congressional District. The selection of entries will be at the discretion of each high school's principal and/or art department chair or art teachers. The students whose artwork is submitted must be residents of the 29th Congressional District.

In order to allow an artwork to hang in the United States Capitol, the following restrictions apply:

- Art must be two-dimensional only.
- Each entry must have a 3" mat.
- Each artwork can be no larger than 32 inches by 32 inches to the outside dimensions of the mat.
- No more than 4 inches in depth.
- Artwork must arrive in Washington framed to the appropriate framing guidelines (Congressman Schiff's office will frame the three winning entries).

Artwork categories are as follows:

- Paintings: (oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.)
- Drawings: (pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers, etc.)
- Collage: Must be two-dimensional
- Prints: (lithographs, silkscreen, block prints)
- Mixed Media
- Computer generated art
- Photography

Each entry must be an original in concept, design and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. A Student Release Form must be signed by the teacher and the student to certify the originality of the art piece and be attached to the back of the artwork with an adhesive label as shown:

Use AVERY Standard White Laser Labels 2"x4 1/4" to print out the label with the following information:

- California 29
- Congressman Adam B. Schiff
- Title of piece
- Student's name
- Student's school
- Student's home address and phone number

NOTE: Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photo, painting or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and WILL NOT be accepted!

The final decision regarding suitability for the exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or of a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed.

ALL ARTWORK IS DUE IN THE PASADENA OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ADAM SCHIFF BY 5:00 P.M. FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2006. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TERESA LAMB SIMPSON AT (626) 304-2727